



78th

Baden-Powell
Fellowship Event

Let's celebrate His Majesty
King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden in

STOCKHOLM

7-10 May 2026



World Scout Foundation



Välkommen till Sverige – Welcome to Sweden!

Stockholm, 7–10 May 2026

We are delighted to invite you to our 78th Baden-Powell Fellowship Event in Stockholm, Sweden!

Our 2026 BP Fellowship Event will take place in the hometown and in the presence of His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden, who has served as Honorary Chairman of the World Scout Foundation since 1977. This momentous event will provide a unique and fitting occasion to honour His Majesty's nearly 50 years of service in this role and His lifelong commitment to Scouting, and will happily also coincide with His Majesty's 80th birthday!

In partnership with Scouterna — The Guides and Scouts of Sweden, we will explore the theme “A Peaceful and Inclusive World”, reflecting Scouting's enduring role in building understanding, leadership, and peace across borders.

Join us to experience Swedish and international Scouting, discover the global impact of your support, and celebrate the spirit of friendship and service that unites BP Fellows worldwide.

Together, we'll explore the historic charm of Stockholm's Old Town, enjoy the elegance of the Grand Hôtel and gather in the grandeur of the City Hall — home of the Nobel Banquet — for an unforgettable celebration of leadership, community and peace.

We can't wait to welcome you to Sweden in May 2026!



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The Guides and Scouts of Sweden

Scouting in Sweden is a vibrant, co-educational movement that brings together more than 80,000 members across the country. Formed through the unification of several historical Scout and Guide associations, **Scouterna** embodies a modern, inclusive, and forward-looking expression of Baden-Powell's vision.

Founded in the early 1900s, Swedish Scouting has evolved in close harmony with the nation's deep respect for **nature, democracy, and equality**. Its activities are guided by the Scout Method — learning by doing, leading, reflecting, and growing together. Today, Scouterna continues to empower young people to make a difference in their communities and to become young people who make the world a better place.

Thousands of volunteer leaders guide local Scout troops across Sweden, in cities, small towns, and throughout the vast countryside, supporting the youngest Spårare (8–9 years) to Rovers (19–25 years). Swedish Scouts are renowned for their strong environmental commitment, adventure-based learning, and leadership training rooted in **friluftsliv — outdoor life** — a cornerstone of Swedish culture. From winter expeditions in Lapland to sailing among the archipelago islands, their activities reflect both challenge and care for nature.

Scouterna's national headquarters are based in Stockholm, home to its leadership, training centre, and **Scouternas folkhögskola** — the national school for Scouting and leadership education. This vibrant hub offers programmes that promote sustainability, inclusion, and civic engagement.

During our 78th BP Fellowship Event, participants will have the opportunity to meet Swedish Scouts and leaders, explore their innovative approaches to youth development and sustainability, and experience the **“Simply Scouting” spirit** that continues to make Scouting in Sweden a global inspiration.



 **Scouterna**

RAISED BY ADVENTURE



Stockholm City Hall
Location of the famous Nobel Prize
banquet – and our Gala Dinner.

Celebrating our commitment to young people worldwide

As BP Fellows, you share a deep passion and understanding for how Scouting transforms the lives of young people and strengthens communities around the world. Thanks to your commitment, Scouts are empowered with the skills, confidence, and values to address today's most pressing social, economic, and environmental challenges. We look forward to highlighting how you contribute to this impact during our 78th BP Fellowship Event in Stockholm, Sweden.

Next May will be a moment to celebrate our fellowship and shared commitment together with His Majesty, a life-long Scout who has dedicated (almost) 50 years of service as Honorary Chairman of the World Scout Foundation. We believe the best way to honour and thank His Majesty is by supporting the cause to which he dedicated his life: Scouting.

In this spirit, we warmly invite you to honour his legacy and help fund the future of Scouting by contributing to the King's Appeal — a time-bound, global opportunity strengthen your commitment to World Scouting and help shape a more peaceful, inclusive world. We will share more information with you in the coming weeks. As part of the appeal, you can also increase your impact by joining or moving through the Honours Programme, or by introducing new friends to the Fellowship.

The 78th BP Fellowship Gala Dinner in Stockholm will provide an elegant occasion to recognise and celebrate new BP Fellows with our iconic gold pin, and to further thank and acknowledge those increasing their commitment to the growth and development of young people worldwide.

Above all, our three days together will strengthen our fellowship and provide meaningful moments to celebrate your continued generosity, as we work together to widen our network and strengthen support for World Scouting.

We remain deeply grateful for your time, dedication, and unwavering generosity.

Our Event Identity & Logo

Our event identity centres on the timeless symbol of **the dove of peace**, reimagined in a modern, low-polygon Scandinavian design inspired by **HM King Carl XVI Gustaf's motto: "For Sweden – With the Times."**

The logo's **white colour** represents peace and unity, complemented by the **blue and yellow** of the Swedish flag. Its minimalist 3D form reflects both tradition and innovation, embodying Sweden's spirit of balance — lagom — and Scouting's message of **diversity, inclusion, and hope for a peaceful world.**



78th BP Fellowship Event Programme

Our event programme offers a unique opportunity to celebrate **HM King Carl XVI Gustaf's lifelong commitment to Scouting** and 80th birthday, explore and celebrate the impact of Swedish and international Scouting and reflect on the role of Scouting in promoting **peace, inclusion, and international understanding**.

Participants will also strengthen friendships within the Fellowship, experience the vibrant culture and history of **Stockholm**, and advance the Foundation's mission to support and grow **World Scouting**.

Full Event Programme

6 MAY Arrivals and event registration The Grand Hôtel

World Scout Foundation Committees will meet in the afternoon (see detailed timing in the registration system).

7 MAY Pre-Event Tours (optional) Outdoors

See page 10 for details of the optional Pre-Event tours available (additional fee).

Board meeting The Royal Palace

The World Scout Foundation Board will meet during the day.

Event Opening The Royal Swedish Opera House

Join us for a warm welcome at the iconic Café Opera. Discover the programme ahead, enjoy a refreshing drink, and mingle with fellow participants in an elegant yet relaxed setting.

***Dress code:** Smart Casual*

Opening dinner (optional) The Royal Swedish Opera House

Experience a traditional Swedish "smorgasbord" at one of Stockholm's most renowned restaurants, Operakällaren. A delightful evening of flavours and atmosphere – optional, but not to be missed.

***Dress code:** Smart Casual*

SEK 1,800



8 MAY Stockholm Tour Old Town, Stockholm

Take the opportunity to see both **the Royal Palace** and **the Old Town**, on a walking tour from the Grand Hôtel to the foundations of the city of Stockholm. In the Old Town you will get a feel for 800 years of life on the central island of Stockholm. Most of the buildings represent the 17th century, still the city plan originates from the Middle Ages between 13th and 16th centuries. The small alleys and cobbled stone streets have many stories to tell.

The highlight of the tour will be a visit to the Royal Palace of Stockholm. This is the workplace of HM The King of Sweden, where he receives honoured guests such as new ambassadors, Nobel Prize laureates, and receivers of royal orders. In the palace, the King has regular meetings with the government and parliamentarians. Constructed in the 18th century, the palace is one of the largest in Europe with more than 1,300 rooms. The interiors and art collection includes traces from history and gifts from states and nations of the world, mainly Europe. Please be prepared for an active tour involving many cobblestone paths, hills and staircases.

Dress code: *Casual, with comfortable footwear for walking.*

For those for whom the walking tour is not suitable, we offer a guided tour by bus (limited walking) where you will see a number of classical landmarks in Stockholm — the city on water. The tour will start from and end at the Grand Hôtel.

8 MAY Seminar “A Peaceful and Inclusive World” **The Filadelfia Conference Centre**

Join a unique seminar that brings together leaders and changemakers from around the world to reflect on one of the most important questions of our time: How can inclusive leadership create peace and thriving societies?

In the presence of HM The King of Sweden, the seminar will offer an intimate space for dialogue and reflection, where listening and exchange are central. Participants will hear from world-class speakers — spanning business, politics, culture, and the next generation — and share an experience designed to spark new perspectives and deeper understanding.

The seminar will be anchored in the values of Scouting, an organisation dedicated to peace, inclusion, and preparing young people to be citizens of the world. These values form the foundation of this seminar, offering participants an experience that is both personal and shared: a rare opportunity to explore leadership that brings people together for the greater good.

In a reflective and thoughtful atmosphere, the seminar will also invite active engagement. Inspiring presentations will be combined with facilitated dialogue, creating the possibility to listen, exchange, reflect and learn together. Participants will leave with a deeper appreciation of inclusion as a leadership strength, a network of like-minded leaders and changemakers, and perspectives that will continue to shape their leadership long after the seminar ends.

***Dress code:** Business suit*



8 MAY Swedish Evening The Grand Hôtel

An enchanting evening celebrating the spirit of Sweden, its food, music, and culture. From the northern lights to ABBA, from classic dishes to timeless traditions, this dinner will immerse you in the heart of our host country. Dance the night away to live music and connect with friends at a vibrant celebration in the centre of Stockholm. A night full of energy, joy, and unforgettable memories.

***Dress code:** Smart casual*



9 MAY Join the Scout Day – “Scouternas Dag”

Join around 1,500 Scouts as they come together for a major annual Scouting gathering in Stockholm. Set outdoors in nature, yet close to the city centre, this exciting event will showcase Scouts competing in a variety of traditional Scouting disciplines — from woodcraft and physical challenges to the art of fire-lighting, and more. Participants will have the chance to join in the activities and meet Swedish Scouts of all ages, experiencing firsthand the energy, skills, and camaraderie that define Scouting in Sweden.

You will also enjoy lunch during the activity.

Dress code: Scout uniform or casual with a scarf.
Dress for the weather — you will be outside!





9 MAY 78th Baden-Powell Fellowship Gala Dinner Stockholm City Hall

You will experience an extraordinary evening at Stockholm City Hall, the legendary venue of the Nobel Banquet. Together, we honour HM the King and celebrate his lifelong contribution to World Scouting.

The Gala Dinner will begin with a cocktail reception in the Golden Hall and the dinner will be held in the Blue Hall.

After dinner, we'll move back to the Golden Hall for a spectacular after party with live music and a truly unique atmosphere. This is an experience you will remember for a lifetime.

Dress code: *Black tie*



10 MAY Departures

Members of the Honours Programme are warmly invited to an **Honours Programme Breakfast on 9 May**, and Members of the Regal & Baden-Powell Circles of the Honours Programme are additionally invited to the **Regal Circle Dinner on the evening of 7 May**. Full details will be communicated via your personalised event invitation and registration.

BP Fellows intending to officially join one of the Circles of the Honours Programme, including the Regal Circle, and be recognised at the 78th BP Fellowship Event, will also be invited to participate in these additional activities in Stockholm, subject to availability. Please contact us if you would like to discuss joining the Honours Programme — we would certainly love to welcome you!

7 May Pre-Event Tours

All tours will start from and end at the Grand Hôtel.



TOUR 1

The Vasa Museum ABBA The Museum

Join us for a full day tour where we will visit two of the main attractions at Royal Djurgården, each of them representing two very different aspects of Swedish history and culture. We will visit the Vasa Museum and ABBA The Museum. The tour will include lunch between the two museum visits.

The Vasa Museum is the most visited tourist destination in Scandinavia. In 1628 the greatest warship in the Baltic Sea sank on its maiden voyage after a few hundred meters sailing in the port of Stockholm. For 333 years it was waiting at the bottom of the sea for its rescue in 1961. In the museum the ship is at full display in almost the same greatness as on the fateful day in August 1628.

The four members of the pop group ABBA started creating music in the 1960s. In the museum you will join this legendary group on their journey from young musicians up until today's avatar experience in London. You will have an interactive experience where you can sing and perform your dance with ABBA on the stage. The collections on display include their stage dresses, iconic instruments, selected stage props and others. The museum's slogan is "you walk in and dance out".

SEK 1,850

Minimum 10 participants

Provisional timing: 09:00–15:00

TOUR 2

The Vasa Museum (afternoon only)

If you have other plans in the morning, we're pleased to offer you the possibility to visit the Vasa Museum in the afternoon. No lunch is included in this option.

SEK 700

Minimum 10 participants

Provisional timing: 13:00–16:00



TOUR 3

Drottningholm Palace

Join us for an excursion to Drottningholm Palace, the home of HM The King of Sweden. The tour will include lunch between visiting the palace and the gardens.

Drottningholm Palace was commissioned by four Swedish queens representing different eras. Queen Katarina Jagellonica in the 16th century started the building of a palace on the property. The central part of the building was made by Queen Hedvig Eleonora in the second half of the 17th century. She also commissioned the baroque part of the beautiful park. Queen Lovisa Ulrika continued the expansion in the middle of the 18th century with the rococo wings. She also built the famous Drottningholm theatre, which still hosts popular opera performances, and the English park section in the gardens.

Finally, Queen Josefina made the impressive interior of the palace's hall of state, reflecting the political landscape in the middle of the 19th century. The art in the palace represents the different eras of the palace itself. The tour combines a beautiful nature experience, an insight into 500 years of European art and architectural history, and an understanding of why today's King and Queen of Sweden have chosen to make Drottningholm their residential home.

SEK 1,850

Minimum 10 participants and please see the registration system online for the maximum.

Provisional timing: 09:00–15:00

Event Programme for Young BP Fellows

We greatly value your commitment to World Scouting and are excited to invite you to the 78th BP Fellowship Event in Stockholm!

As part of this event, we are pleased to once again offer a special programme for up to **25 Young BP Fellows** (aged 18 to 35 at the time of the event) to participate at a subsidised rate of 6,000 SEK.

Young BP Fellows joining this programme will take part in all the main event activities, with some special additions: on Thursday 7 May you will be meeting up with local Rover Scouts for dinner and an activity and on 8 May you will take part in a local Scouting event.

Accommodation will be provided in shared rooms at a Youth Hostel on Skeppsholmen, a historic area in central Stockholm.

The programme fee covers:

- Shared accommodation from Thursday, 7 May, to Sunday, 10 May 2026
- All meals from Thursday evening, 7 May, to Sunday breakfast, 10 May
- Local transport during the event

The fee does not include transportation to and from Stockholm, nor personal insurance, which must be arranged individually, in line with the requirements for all participants.

7 May	Arrivals and event registration , The Grand Hôtel Dinner and activity with Swedish Rover Scouts at 17.00
8 May	Local Scouting event Leadership Seminar , The Filadelfia Conference Centre Swedish Evening , The Grand Hôtel
9 May	Scouternas Dag – Scout Day 78th BP Fellowship Gala Dinner , Stockholm City Hall
10 May	Departures



Accommodation

We are delighted to announce that **The Grand Hôtel** will serve as our event base, located in the very heart of Stockholm. Since 1874, The Grand Hôtel has been the city's leading hotel, and it is beautifully situated just opposite the Royal Palace.

The hotel offers a wide range of amenities, including multiple dining options, a spa, and excellent meeting facilities. Its central location also provides convenient access to shopping, dining, and cultural attractions.

Several of our event activities will be hosted at The Grand Hôtel, making it an ideal hub for both formal sessions and informal networking – from early breakfast gatherings to late-night conversations.

We have secured a large accommodation block at The Grand Hôtel, available to BP Fellows on **a first-come, first-served basis**.

In addition, we are pleased to offer special rates at The Strand Hotel and The Sparrow Hotel:

- **Radisson Collection Strand Hotel** is located just a 5-minute walk away.
- **The Sparrow Hotel** is situated a 15-minute walk away.

The block booking includes a range of room options for different occupancy.

You are, of course, welcome to arrange accommodation at another nearby hotel of your choice. Please note, however, that all official **transportation to and from programme activities will depart from and return to The Grand Hôtel**.



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The negotiated event rates are valid from 5-11 May, in case you wish to extend your stay.

Practicalities

Registration

Please register via the individual link communicated via email. Please note that the personalised event registration links will be sent to BP Fellow primary contacts for households, as usual, to ensure that we can correctly identify and link registrations, avoiding duplicates.

The primary contact can register themselves and up to two accompanying persons (a partner or spouse, and/or an immediate family member or guest — including those who are BP Fellows in your household), subject to availability.

To do this, once you have entered all of your own information and reached the registration summary page, you can click on “Add an accompanying person” and register up to two additional accompanying persons (subject to availability) via the same process, ahead of payment.

Detailed information on the registration process is being communicated to BP Fellows in advance of the registration system opening.

Registration Fees

Full BP Fellowship Event Programme	SEK 22,000
Full Young BP Fellows Event	SEK 6,000
Optional Pre-Event Tours on 7 May	
Tour 1: The Vasa Museum and ABBA The Museum	SEK 1,850
Tour 2: The Vasa Museum	SEK 700
Tour 3: Drottningholm Palace	SEK 1,850
Optional Thursday Dinner on 6 May	SEK 1,800

Please pay by credit card. Our online registration system accepts Visa, Mastercard, American Express or JCB.

We are expecting very high interest in this event and advise you to register immediately to secure your place. The cut-off date for registrations will be 31 March 2026 or as soon as we reach full capacity.

Insurance & Cancellation

We strongly advise you to purchase all appropriate insurance (travel, accommodation costs, etc.) in case of cancellation. Please note that if the event is cancelled, the Foundation will reimburse your registration fee in full.

We will refund your fees as long as we can allocate your place(s) to persons on the waiting list. If not, up to and including 15 January 2026, we will refund 50% of the fees (full programme and any additional programme activities selected). We will no longer provide a refund for cancellations on or after 16 January.

You are responsible for ensuring that you have the appropriate accident and medical insurance for your travel and stay in Sweden. Please also check the latest information and advice regarding necessary vaccinations and traveller’s health.

Visas

Citizens from some countries will require a visa to enter Sweden. Please ensure you check the visa requirements (<https://visitsweden.com/about-sweden/passport-and-visas/>) and should you need a visa support letter to attend our event, please contact the team.

Transportation

Please make your own transportation arrangements from your point of arrival in Stockholm to your selected accommodation (The Grand Hôtel or other), as well as for the return trip, departing from your hotel.

Stockholm Arlanda Airport (ARN) is the international airport serving Stockholm. There is another airport Bromma Stockholm Airport for domestic flights and some international routes.

If you wish to arrange an airport transfer to the Grand Hôtel or any other accommodation, please contact the hotel concierge services directly to arrange this at your own cost.

Another option would be to take the Arlanda Express train (www.arlandaexpress.se) from Arlanda to Stockholm Central Station, which takes around 18 minutes. From Stockholm Central Station, you can then hail a taxi to reach your hotel.

Other options from Arlanda are taxi, commuter train or bus.

During the event

We will arrange transportation from The Grand Hôtel to the main activity venues and back to The Grand Hôtel during our event. Participants staying at alternative venues must ensure that they arrive at The Grand Hôtel in time for departures. We will share the specific timings closer to the event.

Come Prepared!

May in Stockholm is a magical time: spring is in bloom, daylight lingers late into the evening, and the city reveals itself with renewed elegance and vitality. It is the ideal month for visitors who appreciate a balance of culture, nature, and refined experiences.

Weather & Ambiance

By May, Stockholm sheds its winter coat. Temperatures steadily climb towards 15-20°C during the day, though evenings may still carry a crispness. The weather can be cool and rainy. Daylight spans up to 17 hours, bathing the city in soft, golden light that perfectly frames its architecture and waterfronts. With parks, gardens, and tree-lined boulevards erupting in green, it's a time when locals emerge outdoors, and terraces, cafés and rooftop bars reopen.

What to pack

Layers are key. Early mornings and evenings can be cool, while midday sun can be warm. A light coat, a scarf, perhaps a stylish umbrella in case of spring showers. Please ensure you bring closed shoes for the Scout Activity and suitable walking footwear for the tours and other activities.

Assistance & Contacts

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